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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ISRAELI REACTION TO UNSC CONDEMNATION

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TEKOAH CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SCALI AT USUN AFTER THE SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION AUGUST 15 TO EXPRESS ISRAEL'S VIEW THAT THE US HAD ERRED IN NOT VETOING OR SOFTENING THE RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT THE US COULD HAVE HELD OUT SUCCESSFULLY FOR A Milder RESOLUTION NOT INCLUDING CONDEMNATION, WARNING, OR REFERENCE TO ICAO. AMBASSADOR SCALI EXPLAINED US TACTICS AND SUCCESSFULLY COUNTERED AMBASSADOR TEKOAH'S ARGUMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2890, 8/16 (EXDIS).

2. ISRAELI VIEWS ON SC CENSURE, STATE TERRORISM

EMBASSY TEL AVIV CHARACTERIZES OFFICIAL ISRAELI REACTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL CENSURE OF ISRAEL FOR THE DIVER-
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SION OF THE LEBANESE AIRLINER AS "DEFENSIVE." A FOREIGN

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED BY THE PRESS AS SAYING, "IF WE DO NOT SEE TO THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM, NOBODY WILL." THE EMBASSY ALSO REPORTS THAT, JUDGING FROM REMARKS HE MADE IN INTERVIEWS AUGUST 11, ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN BELIEVES ISRAEL IS FREE TO DO WHATEVER IT

FEELS NECESSARY TO COMBAT TERRORISM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TEL AVIV 6463, 6477, 8/16.

3. COMMONWEALTH PASSED MODERATE RHODESIAN RESOLUTION

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA DID NOT APPROVE AN EXTREME STATEMENT ON RHODESIA AS TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE AND SOME OTHER LEADERS WISHED. INSTEAD, THE CONFERENCE ACCEPTED A MODIFI BRITISH DRAFT WHICH IN ESSENCE SAID THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AGREE WITH THE BRITISH APPROACH TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH OFFICIAL, GENERAL GOWON OF NIGERIA PLAYED THE ROLE OF A MODERATE, SAYING THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST RHODESIA WAS NO LONGER APPROPRIATE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 9439, 8/16.

4. CHILE: TRUCKERS REJECT GOVERNMENT ULTIMATUM

EMBASSY SANTIAGO REPORTS THAT TRUCKERS REJECTED A GOVERNMENT ORDER TO END THEIR STRIKE IN 24 HOURS OR FACE MILITARY REQUISITION OF THEIR VEHICLES. MERCHANTS HAVE THREATENED TO JOIN THE STRIKE IF FORCE IS USED AGAINST THE TRUCKERS. A FBIS REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES STATES THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TRY TO REQUISITION THE VEHICLES, PENDING EFFORTS BY A PROMINENT "PERSONALITY" TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) SANTIAGO 3637, 8/16 AND (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) FBIS 17 AUG 0147Z. ROGERS

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